

2014-2015 SSSP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2015
4:15 PM – 6:15 PM

ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by President Marlese Durr

ITEM #2 – INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present:

Marlese Durr, President
David A. Smith, President-Elect
Anna Maria Santiago, Past President
Nancy Mezey, Vice-President
Ronnie Steinberg, Vice-President Elect
Glenn W. Muschert, Secretary
Susan M. Carlson, Treasurer
Cheryl Boudreaux, Board Member
John Dale, Board Member
Heather Dalmage, Board Member
Antwan Jones, Board Member
Keith Kilty, Board Member
Kathryn Nowotny, Board Member, Student Representative
Shannon Monnat, Chair, Council of Division Chairs
Pamela Anne Quiroz, Editor, *Social Problems*
Héctor L. Delgado, Executive Officer
Michele Koontz, Administrative Officer and Meeting Manager
Sharon Shumaker, IT Specialist

ITEM #3 – ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Agenda adopted as written, carrying over an item from the 8/20/15 Board meeting, placed in Unfinished Business below, as follows:

Creation of Two New SSSP Awards Highlighting Women

1. Doris Wilkinson Faculty Leadership Award
2. Arlene Kaplan Daniels Article Award

ITEM #4 – COMMITTEE REPORTS WITHOUT ACTION ITEMS

- A. REPORT FROM THE C. WRIGHT MILLS AWARD COMMITTEE CHAIR
- B. REPORT FROM THE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR
- C. REPORT FROM THE ERWIN O. SMIGEL AWARD COMMITTEE CHAIR
- D. REPORT FROM THE JOSEPH B. GITTLER AWARD COMMITTEE CHAIR
- E. REPORT FROM THE LEE FOUNDERS AWARD COMMITTEE CHAIR
- F. REPORT FROM THE LEE SCHOLAR SUPPORT FUND COMMITTEE CHAIR
- G. REPORT FROM THE THOMAS C. HOOD SOCIAL ACTION AWARD COMMITTEE CHAIR
- H. REPORT FROM THE LISTSERV MODERATOR

ACTION: In a single vote, the Board approved the committee reports without action items.

ITEM #5 – REPORT ON THE 2014 MEMBERSHIP SURVEY RESULTS

Keith R. Johnson reported on the results of the 2014 Membership Survey. The major findings reported by Keith are as follows: That the SSSP is not a hierarchy, but rather a loose confederation of scholars, students, and activists. The members who are most marginalized tend to be those who participate at a lower level in SSSP activities. Members who are disabled, non-citizens, and/or non-academics tend to be more marginalized. The report suggests that more data, especially longitudinal data might be useful.

ACTION: The Board approved the report on the 2014 Membership Survey.

ACTION: The Board approved that a membership survey would be conducted every five years using comparable questions as used in the past so as to facilitate longitudinal comparison.

ITEM #6 – REPORT FROM THE ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE CHAIR

Saher Selod presented the report of the Accessibility Committee.

Recommendations include: a) have the Administrative Office send the accessibility guidelines to all program participants one month prior to the annual meeting; b) greater visibility for the existence of the comfort zone; c) continue to ensure that hotel facilities are ADA compliant; and d) that hotels also continue to provide gender-neutral restrooms.

ACTION: The Board approved that the Administrative Office send the accessibility guidelines to all program participants one month prior to the annual meeting.

ACTION: The Board approved that the Society website would include a banner advertising the availability of the comfort room at the annual meeting.

ACTION: The Board approved the report from the Accessibility Committee Chair.

ITEM #7 – REPORT FROM THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE CHAIR

A. 2016 PROPOSED BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS

Héctor Delgado presented on the proposed By-Laws amendments. Discussion ensued. In particular, the Board discussed the possibility to increase the quorum for the Board to two-thirds. The item was tabled, to be addressed at the 8/23/15 Board meeting.

ACTION: The Board approved the report from the By-Laws Committee Chair.

ITEM #8 – REPORT FROM THE LEE STUDENT SUPPORT FUND COMMITTEE CHAIR

Bhoomi Thakore presented the Lee Student Support Fund Committee report. A noted trend is that there are more meeting mentor requests than there are mentors. Discussion ensued.

ACTION: The Board approved the report from the Lee Student Support Fund Committee Chair.

ITEM #9 – REPORT FROM THE MEMBERSHIP AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE CHAIR

- A. JULY 2015 DUES BY MEMBERSHIP YEAR REPORT
- B. JULY 2015 DIVISIONS BY MEMBERSHIP YEAR REPORT
- C. 2015 PROMOTION REPORT
- D. 2015 SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP REPORT
- E. COMPARISON MEMBERSHIP REPORT, 2003-2015

Item #9 was tabled, and moved to the 8/23/15 Board meeting.

ITEM #10 – REPORT FROM THE PERMANENT ORGANIZATION AND STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIR

Paul Luken presented the report from the Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee. One recommendation of the committee was that papers should be submitted to the Divisions, and that sessions are distributed in proportion to the number of papers submitted to that division.

ACTION: The Board charged the Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee, in conjunction with the Chair of the Council of Division Chairs, with submitting a plan for how annual meeting sessions should be organized and allocated.

ACTION: The Board approved the report from the Permanent Organization and Strategic Planning Committee Chair.

ITEM #11 – REPORT FROM THE RACIAL/ETHNIC MINORITY GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR
Lacking sufficient time, Item #11 was moved to unfinished business at the 8/23/15 Board meeting.

ITEM #12 – REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE: JUSTICE 21 COMMITTEE CHAIR
Lacking sufficient time, Item #12 was moved to unfinished business at the 8/23/15 Board meeting.

ITEM #13 – REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE: REVENUE GENERATING COMMITTEE CHAIR
Lacking sufficient time, Item #13 was moved to unfinished business at the 8/23/15 Board meeting.

ITEM #14 – REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE: TRANSNATIONAL INITIATIVES COMMITTEE CHAIR
Lacking sufficient time, Item #14 was moved to unfinished business at the 8/23/15 Board meeting.

ITEM #15 – UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM 2015

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Lacking sufficient time, Item #15 was moved to unfinished business at the 8/23/15 Board meeting.

ITEM #16 – NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ITEM #17 – ADJOURNMENT OF THE 2014-2015 BOARD

Lacking sufficient time, the meeting was adjourned by President Marlese Durr.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Glenn W. Muschert, SSSP Secretary